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Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 30 May 2007 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability on 2 April 2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The Examiner has carefully considered the newly filed JP 2001-034007 reference. Although this reference does disclose various oxides, such as silica, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, etc. for use in toners to suppress hue change, there is not sufficient motivation to use these additives in place of the specifically disclosed alumina (C) in Kawakami because there is no indication that the particles would interact with the silica additives (A) and (B) in the manner disclosed by Kawakami (e.g., Kawakami col. 7, l. 41-52). Further, there is not sufficient motivation to arrive at each specified amount of toner component and specific surface area for components b) and c) in the claims and then also make the substitution of certain of the JP document's additives, but not others (e.g., not silica), to arrive at the claimed invention. At best, this is an obvious to try approach, which is not the standard for obviousness under US law.

In reviewing the instant claims, the Examiner notes that a spurious hyphen was placed in between the numerals "1" and "5" in the value "1.5" of claimed components "b" and "d". The Examiner suggests that an amendment under Rule 312 be submitted before the payment of the issue fee to remove the hyphens.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher RoDee whose telephone number is 571-272-1388. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 5:30 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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